

## House Resolution No. 1743

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, 2008 is a jubilee year for the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and worldwide they are celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding, and the St. Louis Province is celebrating 150 years of ministry in the Archdiocese of St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger founded the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Bavaria in 1833, with an unshakeable faith that God would make possible her mission to transform the world through education; and

**Whereas**, Blessed Mother Theresa's vision for this new congregation recognized the importance of educating girls and women, and she believed the renewal of society depended on the Christian family in which the mother, the first educator, had a key role, so she chose the Christian education of girls as the vital service her community would offer; and

**Whereas**, that mission brought the sisters to America in 1847 and to St. Louis in 1858, and at the request of Rev. Joseph Patshovsky, SJ, Mother Caroline Friess, three sisters, and a candidate took over the German girls' school at St. Joseph Parish (now Shrine) on Biddle Street in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, during the past 150 years, thousands of School Sisters of Notre Dame have ministered in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and they have served in all levels of education, as superintendent of Catholic schools; directors in the Catholic Education Office; teachers in colleges and universities and preschool through secondary schools; principals and administrators; directors of religious education; parish associates and parish ministers; spiritual and retreat directors; advocates in criminal justice and other social concerns issues; healthcare and hospice ministers; and musicians, artists, liturgists, and liturgical fabric designers, among other occupations:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere best wishes to the School Sisters of Notre Dame on the illustrious occasions of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding and their 150<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in the Archdiocese of St. Louis; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the St. Louis Province of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Patricia M. Yaeger  
District No. 96

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1743, adopted April 10, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rod Jetton, Speaker